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MONDAY, JANUARY 26. 1789.

THEATRE - ROYAL.

On WEDNESDAY Evening, January 26, will be presented
The Comic OPERA of The

D U E N N A ;

OR, THE

DOUBLE ELOPEMENT.

Don Jerome, Mr WILSON;
Don Antonio, Mr BLAND, Jun.;
Don Ferdinand, Mr ARCHER;
Father Paul, Mr HALLION;
Lopez, Mr J. BLAND;
Father Augustine, Mr SPARKS;
Lay Brother, Mr CHARTERIS;
1st Servant, Mr HENDERSON; 2d Servant, Mr CHARTERIS, Jun.
And Don Isaac Mendoza, Mr BELL.
Mrs SPARKS;
Donna Louisa, Mrs CHARTERIS;
Margaret (the Duenna), Mrs ARCHER;
In, Miss GEORGE;
And Donna Clara (with the favourite Scotch Songs in the part of Don Carlos), by Miss GEORGE;
Her second appearance this season.

In the course of the Opera will be introduced an entire new Song, composed by Signor Giordini,

By Miss GEORGE.

To which will be added A Farce, called

B O N T O N .

Sir John Trotley, Mr WILSON;
Colonel Tivy, Mr BELL;
And Lord Minikin, Mr ARCHER.
Lady Minikin, Mrs WILLIAMSON;
And Miss Tittup, Mrs BARFORD.

The next Play Night will be on THURSDAY.

Mr HOLMAN made his second appearance on Saturday evening, in the character of Hamlet and was received with unbounded applause.

New Assembly Rooms,

GEORGE STREET.

THE Proprietors finding that the mode they proposed for subscribing to the Assemblies this winter, has not met with general approbation, did, at a general meeting held the 12th January, come to the following resolutions as to the mode of admission in future.

I. That the Ladies subscription shall be One Guinea.

II. That the subscription for Gentlemen who are Proprietors of the Rooms shall be One Guinea.

III. That the subscription for Gentlemen who are not proprietors of the Rooms, shall be Two Guineas.

IV. That each subscriber shall have twenty four admission-tickets.

V. Subscribers when absent to have the power of granting two of these tickets for each Assembly, (either to a Lady or a Gentleman) and no more; when present only one; and no ticket will procure admittance unless dated and signed by the grantee; and the tickets thus granted are not again to be transferable.

VI. Each non-subscriber to pay 3s. at the door on presenting his ticket.

VII. Each Director is allowed two additional tickets extraordinary for each Assembly, which he may transfer, adding the word "Director" to his signature.

VIII. No admission without a ticket on any account whatever.

Subscription books are open at the house of William Graham, Esq; Master of the Ceremonies, Number 66.

Prince's Street, and Mr Thomas Sanderlin, merchant, Luckenbooths, to either of whom the Nobility and Gentry intending to subscribe, are requested to send their names and subscription money, where they will always receive their tickets.

The first Assembly to be on Thursday the 29th January.

This Day are Published,

B Y W I L L I A M C R E E C H ,
(Elegantly printed in two large vols 8vo, illustrated with elegant Maps, price 12s. bound),

TRAVELS

FROM ST PETERSBURGH, IN RUSSIA,
TO VARIOUS PARTS OF

A S I A .

In Two Volumes.

By John Bell of Antemery, M. D.

CONTAINING.

I. A Journey from St Petersburg, in Russia, to Ispahan, the capital of Persia.

II. A Journey from St Petersburg to Tobolski, the capital of Siberia—through the country of the Kalmuck and other Tartar nations—by the Balkal sea or lake—the desert of Zama, and the great wall of China, to Pekin, the capital—a journey of above 6000 miles—and also the return by a different route. To which is added, the journal of M. de Lange during his residence in China.

III. A Journey from Peterburgh to Derbent, on the coast of the Caspian sea.

IV. A Journey from Peterburgh to Constantinople.

\$15 The high character which these travels bear, in point of authentic information, and the great variety of curious matter to be found in them respecting those countries thro' which the author travelled, by a route which as yet is very little known, joined to the extreme scarcity of this book, from the demand for it upon the Continent, were the motives for the publication of this new edition. The maps in the former edition being wretchedly executed, and at the same time quite erroneous and imperfect, the publisher has substituted in their place new and accurate maps, taken from the latest and best authorities, particularly the Russian Atlas, in which the author's route is carefully traced, together with the several towns, villages, and stations, which are mentioned in the course of his travels.

CHINA ORANGES AND LEMONS.

TO BE SOLD by public auction, at the Warehouse of RAMSAY, WILLIAMSON, and CO. LEITH, on Tuesday the 27th instant, at one o'clock afternoon, a considerable quantity of CHINA ORANGES and LEMONS, of an excellent quality, and in fine order.

LEMONS AND ORANGES.

Just arrived from St Lucar, In the Jean, Peter Skinner Master, LEMONS, CHINA, and BITTER ORANGES, in chests and half-chests. Apply to William Douglas, Quality Street, Leith, Where also may be had, Sherry Wine in Butts.

AT LONDON—FOR LEITH.

ALEX. GORDON Master,

Is lying at Hawley's Wharf, taking in goods for Leith, Edinburgh, and all places adjacent, and will sail the 5th February 1789.

The Master to be spoke with at the New England Coffeehouse, near the Royal Exchange, at 'Change houses. Mornings and evenings on board the ship.



Stamp Office, Edinburgh, January 26. 1789.

THE Solicitor having this day received a letter, dated the 2d instant, subcribed MONTESQUE, the writer of the letter is requested to call on Mr BRENNER, Deputy-Solicitor, who will give satisfactory answers to the queries contained in the letter, and the strictest secrecy may be depended on.

SALE OF PRINTS BY AUCTION.

Tomorrow will be published, A CATALOGUE of Choice and Beautiful PRINTS, just arrived from the Continent, which are to be sold off without reserve, in Martin's elegant Sale Room, Old Bank Close, on Wednesday 28th and the two subsequent evenings, at six o'clock, and every article put up at the pleasure of the company.

Catalogues to be had at W. Martin's Shop, Lawn-market.

MARMALADE ORANGES.

Just arrived from SAN LUCAR, by the ship Margaret, after a passage of 35 days.

SEVILLE BITTER ORANGES, in the highest perfection for MARMALADE, in half-chests or by the lib.

Fine ripe Seville CHINA ORANGES, in half-chests and in dozens.

Fine ripe juicy LEMONS for shrub, &c. in chests, half-chests, or in dozens,—at the Warehouse of JAMES SHEPPARD and CO. No. 22. South Bridge.

N. B. Sugars (to those who take fruits,) at prime cost.

LEMONS AND ORANGES.

JUST arrived in the Margaret, Robert Gray master, from San Lucar, after a short passage.

LEMONS, CHINA and BITTER ORANGES, in chests and half-chests,

Apply to John Reddie, merchant, St Ninian-street, Edinburgh; or to James Robertson, grocer in Leith; or James Anderson, cooper in Linlithgow.

N. B. The Bitter Oranges are in perfection for Marmalade.

LINLITHGOW and STIRLINGSHIRE HUNT.

THE Members of the HUNT are requested to meet in Richard Forrester's, Linlithgow, on Tuesday the 3d of February next, in terms of their Resolutions.

Dinner on the table precisely at four o'clock.

Sir ALEX. LIVINGSTON, Bart. in the Chair.

Mr SHARP of Houffou, Croupier.

By Order of the Hunt,

JOHN ANDREW Sec.

SKATING CLUB.

THE Members of the Skating Club are requested to dine at Fortune's, upon Monday the 2d February next.

Dinner on the table at four o'clock.

Such gentlemen as mean to attend, will please leave their names with the waiter.—By order of the Council,

J. RAE Secretary.

PICKLED HERRINGS and BEEF.

JUST now imported from Glasgow, and to be SOLD by Leith,

A parcel of HERRINGS of an excellent quality, in barrels at 2s. 6d. per barrel, and firkins at 7s. per firkin.

Also good ZETLAND BEEF, at 37s. per barrel.

Commissions punctually answered.

FUNERAL LODGE.

THE MASTER of the LODGE ROMAN EAGLE, presents his most respectful compliments to the Right Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in or near Edinburgh, and the Brethren in general, and begs leave to inform them, that the Funeral Lodge in honour of the late Doctor Brown, will be held on Wednesday next the 28th instant, at Six o'clock P. M. in St Andrew's Chapel, foot of Carribber's Close.

As the profits of this meeting are devoted to the benefit of Mrs Brown and her numerous family, it is hoped every brother who conveniently can attend, will not neglect this opportunity of discharging two of the principal duties incumbent upon Masons, by contributing to the relief of the Widow and Fatherless, and at the same time, paying a tribute of respect to the memory of a deceased Brother, eminent in Masonry, as the Founder of a Lodge, but still more distinguished in the learned world.

Tickets, price 2s. 6d. to be had at Mr Spankie's, opposite to the Tron Church; Mr Lamont, surgeon, St Andrew's Street; Messrs Cresch, Elliot, Hill, and Mudie, book-sellers; Mr C. Denovan, printer, Lawn-market; Mr M'Intyre, druggist, Nicolson's Street; at John's Coffeehouse, and at St. Andrew's Chapel, between twelve and three, on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday next, as well as at the hour of meeting.

Opactive brethren will be provided with tickets at 1s. 6d. each, by Mr Alexander Crawford, and Mr James Dickson.

EDINBURGH, } THO. CRUDEN, Secretary.

Jan. 13. 1789. } ALEX. ATTCHISON, Clerk.

N. B. As the meeting is expected to be numerous, brethren who are possessed of aprons will be so kind as bring them along with them. The chapel will be lighted with wax.

TO BE SOLD.

AN elegant and well finished Lodging, all within itself, on the north side of George's Street, in the centre between Frederick and Castle Street, consisting of fourteen fire rooms and kitchen, cellars, a stable for four horses, coach-house, and bay-lift, a pump-well, and a back-area; also has a soft water pipe in the kitchen, and many other conveniences; has been pefitected for two years by a genteel family, consequently well seafomed.

For particulars, apply to John Hay, builder, Register-Street.

TO BE SOLD by private bargain.

THE HOUSE in Prince's Street, No. 22, possessed by William Cumming, Esq.—The house consists of dining room, drawing room, three bed-chambers, with large closets, a kitchen and large room below stairs, with four cellars, water pipe, and cistern, and back ground.

For particulars, apply to Mr Beveridge, No. 24, Prince's Street.

TO BE SOLD by public roup.

the house of William Ward, vintner at Musselburgh, upon Friday the 26th day of February next 1789, at twelve o'clock noon.

These TWO PARKS, lying in the east fields of Musselburgh, at the back of Pinkie dyke, on the south side of the road leading to Prestonpans, one of them pefitected in grass, and other fallow. Both the inclusions are well watered, by a continual run from Pinkie Burn.

They hold few of the town of Musselburgh, for payment of a small feu-duty, in full of all rents, minister's tithes, and other public burdens, and the entry of heirs and general successors taxed by the rights.

For particulars, application may be made to Andrew Pitcairn writer in Edinburgh. And John Skell farmer in Musselburgh will shew the premises.

PARLIAMENTARY INTELLIGENCE.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

THURSDAY, Jan. 22.

THEIR Lordships met at four o'clock, and after prayers, ordered that the Bishop of Lincoln do preach before this House on the 30th instant; the Earl of Pomfret took the oaths and his seat; they then adjourned during pleasure, until near five o'clock, when the House being resumed, the order of the day was read for their Lordships resolving themselves into a Committee on the

STATE OF THE NATION.

Lord Walsingham in the Chair.

The Clerk having read the resolutions brought up from the Commons, which were to the following effect:

Resolved, That the supreme authority should be granted to the Prince of Wales, as Regent, under certain limitations.

Resolved, That the Prince Regent should not confer Peers but on persons of the Royal issue, and those at full age.

Resolved, That he should not grant offices, pensions, nor salaries for life, or in reversion.

Resolved, That the real and personal property of his Majesty should be secured, and not be considered as appertaining to, or under the control of the Prince Regent.

Resolved, That the persons attendant on his Majesty, and the officers of the household in general, should be under the exclusive control of her Majesty.

Earl Camden rose, and lamented that his age and infirmity rendered him so little equal to the task his noble colleagues had thought proper to entrust him with; he should, therefore, as briefly as the nature of the business would admit, state what he had to advance in support of the resolutions; to the first of which he did not deem it necessary to trouble their Lordships with a single word, it being universally agreed that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was the most proper person to be entrusted with the sovereign power during his Majesty's indisposition, under certain limitations.

Whether those now before their Lordships were the best that could have been produced, might possibly be matter of debate;

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tearing such a person as possessing two bodies, a natural and politic one—it must be owned, however melancholy the conclusion, that our Sovereign was no longer in possession of the latter, for the two Houses had come to a resolution confirming his incapacity, and they had also come to resolutions, which though he did not intend to condemn, he could not applaud; for they had spent much time upon a discussion of right, but what was meant by that right, he really had not heard defined;—he knew it was not to be found in common law, for there had not a simila case occurred nor was it to be found in statute law; where, then, were they to look for this right, but in the eye of reason!—If a natural demise had taken place with our present Sovereign, the Prince of Wales would unquestionably have been his undisputed successor, and therefore, although he might not have the right to become Regent, he certainly had an indisputable claim. This drew him to conclude, that the question came to this single point, that the Prince of Wales was or was not of capacity to succeed his royal father; if he was not to be trusted as regent, in his opinion it was a declaration that he ought not to be, should there be a necessity for his being king. He had heard it asserted by those who had supported the precedents, that there was no difference between an heir presumptive and an heir apparent, while to him there appeared this most essential one, that the heir apparent must expect in the natural course of things to come into the possession of his father's crown, which the heir presumptive could not conclude would be the case without the adoption of some unfair means. This single distinction, the learned Prelate thought sufficient to show the precedents which had been produced were not in the least analogous to the question before them, any more than the instance which the noble and learned President of the Council had introduced of a leasehold tenant in tail being permitted to fell timber, which would not be granted to a yearly tenant; for it must be remembered, that the heir apparent could not possibly divest himself of the recollection, that by any improper conduct he would injure that property which must ultimately be his own. His Lordship then entered into a long and judicious investigation of the propriety of fettering his Royal Highness with any restrictions whatever, and when, after putting in many points of view, he affirmed to be both imprudent and unnecessary, and thought it was pretending a distrust where the utmost confidence ought to be placed. He denied being in the least a party man; and he hoped no noble Lord would give his vote that night as such. It was a question of the utmost importance, as it involved the preservation of our glorious constitution; a constitution that he would cheerfully lay down his life to preserve. This might be considered a bold assertion; but it was not more bold than true; because, in his mind, it would be a continuation of unspeakable blessings to millions. The learned Prelate declared, that, in the course of his whole speech, he had confined himself to a not the least apparent; because, if he had taken the filial piety exemplary conduct, and praiseworthy example of our amiable Prince of Wales, in this present trying crisis, into his mind, he might have been for trifling more than policy might have thought defensible. Any kind of restrictions he thought highly reprehensible; but was of opinion the Prince ought to be appointed Regent, with the full regal powers of his father, for, and during his incapacity; and concluded as able and eloquent a speech as ever was made in Parliament, by putting up a prayer, in which, he said, he was confident the Prince would join him, that the King's recovery would render the regency of a short duration.

Lord Sandwich apologized for attempting to say anything after what had fallen from the noble and learned Prelate; but as that noble Lord had not made any motion, he should take the liberty of moving an amendment to the second resolution; this he did, because, though he in fact objected to any restrictions being made, yet, as some noble Lords were of a different opinion, he thought, by limiting the duration of those restrictions, he should, in some measure, meet their acquiescence. Those who had introduced these Resolutions had done it upon the pretence of their being temporary, and yet they had left the time indefinite. To obviate any kind of mischief accruing from that species of fallacy, would be the object of his amendment; previous to which, he begged the indulgence of the House, while he should say a few words upon the Resolutions themselves. The second was to prevent the Regent from making any Peers.—This he could not but consider as very strange, because he had ever understood that the prerogatives of the Crown were given for public good; and so much had the present Ministers been of the opinion that honours were of that description, that they had distributed them with a most liberal hand; yet, by their conduct in those resolutions, they seemed to determine no persons should do good for their country, but themselves. The noble and learned President of the Council had stated that these kind of restrictions were necessary, because it would be highly distressing to His Majesty to find, on his recovery, that a few different men were about his person, instead of those who had been placed there, previous to his indisposition; or to find a few meritorious men in that House, who had claims of reward from their country, for their exertions in their civil, naval, or military professions: For his part, he did not think it would in the least affect the feelings of his Sovereign, if he should find a noble person, who now sat in that House, who had rendered as much service to his country as any man since England sent a ship to sea, exalted to the rank of a Duke, he meant Lord Rodney; although the present administration had thought proper to neglect that gallant officer, and suffer him to sink into obscurity.—To the following resolutions, objections were also strong: the placing the household entirely at the disposal of her Majesty, he considered, as well as the preceding, to have originated in the artful suggestions of an ambitious mind, with a view of involving that Royal personage in the mazes of political disputes. By this scheme of shackling the powers

of the Regent, and strengthening his opposition, he still had hopes of securing his ambitious projects, to raise the whirlwind, and ride upon the storm.—The household, his Lordship said, he considered as essentially necessary to preserve the respect and consequence due to the Crown; but then he wished to see it in actual use; not as would be the case according to these resolutions during the incapacity of his Majesty, laid aside, and totally useless; while, if they were suffered to remain with the Regent, they would be active, and preserve their consequence.—There was one thing more, his Lordship observed, deserved the strongest reprobation; this was a pretended distinction between the King's and Prince's friends. He hoped there were none such, but all were friends to the House of Brunswick; the attempt to make the distinction was mischievous, and he hoped would meet the contempt it deserved. His Lordship very successfully adverted to the distress it must have been to Administration to have brought this business forward. It was plain, he said, from their having deviated from the straight path, and proceeded exactly contrary to the line which the learned Prelate who preceded him had pointed out, as that of rectitude and integrity. To bring them, therefore, if possible, into the right again, he should move, by way of amendment, to add to the second resolution, "And for a time to be limited."

Lord Sydney saw no very strong reasons for objecting to the motion, because he agreed in principle that it was intended merely as a temporary measure; yet as he was not prepared to say what was the proper time for those restrictions to be taken off, he thought it was better to let it remain as it was. He professed himself astonished at the noble Lord's allusion to some person who had ambitious motives, since he knew of none such, and wondered how they had been discovered.

Lord Carlisle rose to declare, that although he should accede to the amendment made by the noble Earl, it was by no means an acquiescence on his part that the restrictions were at all requisite or necessary—but, since it appeared the evil must be taken, he certainly should be for rendering it as easy as possible; and as a limited time must be preferable to an indefinite one, he of course should be for the former. The noble and learned President of the Council had stated it to be merely to answer a temporary purpose, and yet he had introduced it without any specific time for its expiration; he should therefore be obliged to the noble Lord to explain what was the difference between a temporary and perpetual act; because he understood that every act that passed, unless expressed to the contrary, was a perpetual one—it had indeed been said, that Parliament might easily repeal it; but he had his doubts whether that would be the case, for, did their Lordships consider, that the power of conferring the honour of a seat in that House made part of the Resolutions, and were they competent to say, that the House of Commons, who had told them what was their right and duty, would not take upon themselves to interfere a little farther, and refuse their assent to the repeal of an act for the very purpose of limiting the peerage; nay, he would not take upon himself to say, an opposition to such a repeat might not take place in that very place, in that very House, upon that very account. Their Lordships were led on step by step, and having given their assent to one measure, they were called on to agree to another; he wished, however, they would be a little more explicit, and honestly inform the House what their real plan was, for at present, they were under the necessity of arguing upon speculative ideas; this could scarcely be said as asking too much, since the learned President had stated the business to have been obstructed upon administration, though he confessed he was entirely at a loss to guess by whom that obstruction had been made; to give this required information, he thought, would redound more to their honour than trumpeting forth their wonderful popularity, which he believed was to be heard of no where but within the walls of that House, and another popular assembly; the only places perhaps Ministers were ambitious of being popular in.

Lord Camden said, that, finding himself called upon in this manner, he should not hesitate to repeat that the resolutions were to serve a temporary purpose only, but how long the necessity might remain, it was impossible to say; by every examination that had taken place, His Majesty's recovery was stated as very probable, although no specific period could be stated; it might be six months; it might be a year, perhaps two; but he understood, if it exceeded that time, the prospect would be at so long a period as to render it extremely doubtful. But their Lordships should consider, previous to their coming to any resolution for limiting the time, that it was possible His Majesty might recover in the course of a few weeks after that limitation; in that case, the whole effect of the restrictions might be rendered useless, and every attempt to preserve His Majesty from any disagreeable circumstances on his recovery nugatory. As to the apprehension of its not being possible to reward extraordinary merit, that was without foundation, as it would be in the power of the two Houses of Parliament to bestow that reward, and they certainly would do it upon a proper occasion. It would not be a new case, it had been done, in the reign of Henry VI, to Sir John Clarendon, and he believed it was the only peerage granted during that minority. The amendment proposed by the noble Earl appeared to him exceedingly improper, and therefore he should give it his negative.

Lord Carlisle expressed a degree of astonishment at the learned Lord's assertion, that the two Houses of Parliament possessed the power of bestowing peerages. It was in his mind directly contrary to the constitution. The crown was undoubtedly the fountain of honour; and from no other source could they be obtained. It was one of its greatest prerogatives; and he was surprised how any man could dare so wantonly to attack it.

Lord Camden denied that he had asserted the power did not belong to the crown; and when he stated it capable of being done by the two Houses of Parliament, it must be by bill, and of course have the assent of the regent.

Lord Fitzwilliam declared, that in his opinion the explanation was worse than the assertion; and if such doctrine was perfused in a doctrine, in his opinion, totally contrary to the constitution, at least contrary to the principles in which he had been educated, and which he would at all times boldly and proudly defend, he would pledge himself to the House, to take an early opportunity of bringing forward a resolution upon that head, and have the question fairly decided upon: he never could consent to sit still and hear the rights of any one branch of the constitution thus attacked and underhandedly destroyed: they had wisely been formed into three states, independent of each other, and so, he trusted, they would remain: which could not possibly be the case if such doctrines were admitted and adopted—honours only could be derived from the Crown, and he shuddered at the noble and learned Lord's throwing out an idea to the contrary.

Lord Camden disavowed any intention of insinuating any thing to the contrary; he conceived he must have been misunderstood, or totally mistitled his own meaning. [This conversation took up some time, as their Lordships were up three and four times each.]

Lord Derby combated what had fallen from Lord Camden with much success, although he declared he had come to the House without the least intention of troubling the House. Among other things, he wished to know how it happened that His Majesty's Ministers talked so familiarly about going out of office? Were they sure that would be the case? Had his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales intimated to them that he could not honour them with his confidence? If so, what had they done to merit it? Had they communicated their plan of restrictions in an improper manner, or had his Royal Highness specified his reasons in the letter, which he understood, had been sent to the Minister; for he never could believe, appearances were so much to the contrary, that they were so desirous of going out of office as was pretended, otherwise so much pains would not have been taken to procure addresses; and mortifying to be sure it must be, that many of the exertions had failed, and the people would think for themselves.—Another point his Lordship dwelt upon for some time, was an idea which had been dropped, of an addition to the Prince's household, by way of preferring the Royal household in the hands of her Majesty; this, he persisted, would be subjecting the people to additional burthens, without the least necessity whatever, as the King's household would by this means, while his Majesty's illness continued, be turned into mere sinecures. He concluded by expressing his objections to the Restrictions *in toto*, but observed he should vote for the amendment, considering it as the least evil of the two.

Lord Portchester strongly reprobated what had fallen from Lord Camden upon the right of the two Houses to confer peerages, and lamented the fondness of administration for that period in history which they quoted on this, as well as every other occasion; a time which of all others in our history, appeared to him the most barbarous, but what could be expected from men who did not hesitate to usurp the offices of state?

Lord Carnarthen called him to order, and was proceeding, when he was stopped by

Lord Portchester, who intimated he was not out of order, and that if the noble Marquis thought he said any thing wrong, it would be the time to tell him so in the reply. He then proceeded to state, that in all cases, where places were held during pleasure, whenever a physical incapacity occurred in the principal, their places ceased, and every act afterwards was an act of usurpation, at least if any arts were made use of to retain that power; and these arts had been made use of for the very purpose of bestowing places and securing salaries. One blessed effect had already been the consequence of those unnecessary delays; within these few days two men had been butchered by it—he said butchered, because, however guilty, they had been deprived of the chance of partaking of that mercy, which was not only the prerogative, but also the greatest ornament of the crown. Nay, so very highly was this right of applying to the crown for mercy thought of, that Judge Blackstone observes, that if any man, after conviction, is found insane, his execution is constantly delayed lest he should have it in his power to state some circumstances as likely to procure the extension of that mercy—nor was this all, as two others had experienced the same fate in Scotland.

Lord Sydney entered into a defence of the execution of the two men in Scotland, and wondered how the noble Lord, even in his warmth, should hazard the charge of his Majesty's Ministers having butchered two of his subjects.

Lord Kinross laid a few words in explanation of the crimes of the two men in Scotland.

Lord Kenyon said, it was impossible for him to sit silent and hear so heinous a charge brought against one of His Majesty's Judges, as that of neglect in his duty, and want of mercy; as every man knew it was in the Judge's power to respite for a week, or a month, or even a year, if he thought there was a necessity for it; the Judge alluded to was as learned and respectable a character as any on the bench, and he could not but condemn a charge so heedlessly made.

Lord Loughborough declared he did not understand the noble Lord to allude to the learned Judge in one case, nor even to his Majesty's Ministers in the other, but merely as a circumstance arising from the nation being kept so long in speculative arrangements without an effective and executive government. His Lordship then adverted to the resolutions, but principally to that which is to prevent the Regent from the creation of Peers, the whole of which he proved, in many points of view, to be improper and injudicious.

Lord Thurlow said a few words alluding to what fell from Lord Portchester, and desired, if he had a charge to make against his Majesty's Ministers, he would bring them fairly and openly, and not in such a manner as there could not possibly be any decision upon them.

[During the above, there was much warmth thrown

by several of their Lordships, particularly Lords Portchester and Thurlow.]

Lord Stormont then rose, and begged indulgence for a few words upon the question: The restrictions he condemned upon the ground, that if the power and influence was necessary to render a King's government efficient, they certainly were more so to a Regent: among other observations upon the Peerage, he said, it might tend to destroy it quite, as the Commons would now be concerned, they might conceive its diminution necessary; he remembered that the learned President of the Council had mentioned, that a King ought to create but a certain number in his reign, but had not said what number should be; yet he had left some traits to draw a conclusion from that noble Lord, and those with whom he acted, had granted no less than two-and-forty peerages in five years; now, as our Sovereign had reigned eight-and-twenty, he, according to that estimate, had been entitled to the distribution of more than two hundred honours, for no one could suppose the noble Lord had advised one more than he thought proper—there was one serious consequence which their Lordships did not seem to foresee; should, and it was very possible, the learned Lords belonging to that House, of whom he understood there were but five, be prevented from attending by sickness or death, would their Lordships say they were prepared to act without such assistance?—From these and various other reasons, his Lordship objected to the resolutions, and declared they never should have his assent.

The Lord Chancellor reproved every circumstance that could tend in the least to cause difference or dissension in the Royal Family; he was confident the fear was ill-founded; between such a son and such a mother, no such difference could ever occur;

from the former, every duty which a son could pay to a parent would undoubtedly be given, on the other hand, this would be returned with the warmth of maternal affection. The character of his Royal Highness, since the indisposition of his Royal father, must claim the admiration of every person, nor was the two Houses of Parliament in a small degree indebted to him for the wisdom of his conduct since the present matter had been on the tapis; yet, notwithstanding the high opinion he entertained of his Royal Highness, he deemed the present resolutions essentially necessary. His Lordship then proceeded to answer at some length the arguments of the Bishop of Landaff and Lord Stormont; his Lordship intimated that the present Parliament was perfectly complete and competent to act during the incapacity of the King, until a Regent could be appointed. His Lordship endeavoured to overturn the quotation of the learned Prelate from Grotius, by the authority of Lord Hale. In his opinion, it rested with the Lords and Commons to chuse a sole or joint regency, or either with a council; the former had been chosen, therefore the only question now for their Lordships to determine, was what limitations were necessary; those now before the House had his full approbation; those who wished to remove the officers about his Majesty's person, and thereby divest him of every mark of royal favour, were destitute of the common feelings of men. [A violent cry of hear hear.] His Lordship begged he might not be interrupted, as he had as great an aversion to applause as to addresses. [A loud laugh.] He did not think the power of the Regent would suffer by being prevented from creating Peers; *expediency* might possibly have a greater influence, for the minds of men frequently altered wonderfully after they had obtained the wished-for object. A Peer, whilst he was *warm*, and a Sullen or two after, often became a different creature; he was happy the flame of honour had broken out, and rescued the Lords of the Bedchamber from the charges too frequently advanced against them; charges which placed them little above the degree of reptiles. His Lordship opposed the amendment, because it was now impossible to ascertain the duration of his Majesty's illness; when that could be done, or he was declared in such a state that no hopes could be entertained of his recovery, he should be willing to agree to the repeal of the restrictions.

Lord Stormont said, then they might exist during the natural life of his Majesty; for no physicians would ever be found hardy enough to say that his Majesty was totally incurable.

Earl Fitzwilliam and Lord Hawkesbury said a few words, but the call for the question being so loud and general, prevented their being heard below the bar.

The amendment being put, the House divided,

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While the strangers were excluded the House, their Lordships divided on the resolution in its original form,

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The House immediately adjourned at twelve o'clock.

L O N D O N.—JAN. 23.

His Majesty walked out on Tuesday, and, whether owing to accident or not, had the misfortune to stumble in some shallow water:—smot happily no injury was received.

Wednesday morning, as soon as Sir George Baker had signed the express at Kew, he came to Carlton-house, where he had a conference with their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Dukes of York and Cumberland.

Same day, Lord Loughborough had a long conference with the Prince of Wales at Carlton House.

Same day, the Dukes of York and Cumberland, the Duke of Portland, and several Lords in Opposition, had a meeting at Carlton House with his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

The period which has elapsed in settling the Regency, exceeds twice over the time employed in effecting the important Revolution!

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of Messrs. Wm. YOUNG and CO.

Upholsters, Bridge-street, Edinburgh.

SUCH of the Creditors as have not already lodged notes of their claims against the said Company, in the hands of Alexander Frazer, writer, Bow-head, are requested to do it forthwith, as it is proposed immediately to divide amongst them what has been recovered of the debts due to the Company.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of Messrs. WILLIAM HOG and CO.

Lace Merchants in Edinburgh.

A Meeting of these Creditors is required in the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 11th day of February next, to concert about the management of the affairs of the said William Hog and Co.

Sale of Houses in Stevenlaw's Close.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Thursday the 29th day of January 1789, betwixt the hours of six and seven o'clock afternoon.

THAT STONE TENEMENT, being the second from the foot on the west side of Stevenlaw's Close, consisting of four storeys, possessed by Robert Robertson, Mrs. Raeburn, Robert Finlay, Mrs. McCulloch, and Moses Patterson.

Also, TWO DWELLING-HOUSES in the ground floor of the tenement, immediately to the north of the former, possessed by Francis Banks and James Steel.

For further particulars, application may be made to Archibald Lundie, writer to the signet, in whose hands the title-deeds and articles of roup may be seen.—The tenants will show the subjects.

VILLA TO BE SOLD.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 28th day of January 1789, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon.

THAT Elegant and Commodious VILLA at ORMISTON, within ten miles of Edinburgh, and fix of Haddington, a short way off the Post-road, the property of the late Joseph Douglas Watson, Esq. The house consists of a parlour, dining-room and drawing-room 20 feet by 18, with kitchen, servants room, and other conveniences, on the first floor; fix good bed-chambers and other conveniences on the second; with good garrets above.

The villa is also suitable for four horses, byre, large hay loft, chaise-houfe, and brew-houfe, cellars, &c.

The garden consists of a Scots acre, mostly inclosed with a high wall, and is beautifully laid out with shrubberies, standards, and wall-trees, all very thriving.—A purchaser can be accommodated with inclosures for pasture or labour, hard by the house, on reasonable terms. There are t o market days in the week at Ormiston.

George Tod at Ormiston will show the premises; and for further particulars, apply to John Mohr, writer to the signet.

The purchaser may be accommodated with a good deal of furniture.

House, Bake House, and Pertinents in Leith,

For Sale.

To be SOLD by public roup, (and the upper price reduced) within the house of George Gibb, vintner on the shore of Leith, on Thursday the 29th day of January instant, at two o'clock afternoon.

THAT TENEMENT of LAND, Shops, Bake House, Oven, and Pertinents, lying at the end of the Bridge of Leith, presently possessed by John Stewart, baker, and others.

The progress of wits and conditions of sale to be seen in the hands of the Town Clerk of Leith.

SALE OF HOUSES

On the Shore of Leith.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 28th current, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon.

That LARGE SUBJECT at the foot of Willie Water's Close, consisting of vaults, lofts, houses, and shops. The ground upon which they stand measures from 20 to 35 feet in front to the shore, and from 90 to 95 feet in length up the close, with a free cart entry. There are two stories of stone vaults, the whole length and breadth of the subject, completely entombed, as it is at present stands, with two lofts for grain, or any kind of dry ware goods above. The property ought to extend towards the shore as far as Ridley's Land, which lies on the other side of the close.

The progress of wits and articles of roup are to be seen in the hands of James Dallas, one of the clerks to the signet, who has powers to conclude a private bargain.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Subjects in Innerkeithing for Sale,

AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Subject in Innerkeithing reduced.

TO be SOLD, in the house of Mr. Kirk innkeeper in Innerkeithing, upon Friday the 20th day of February next, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

The Following Subjects, lying within the burgh of Innerkeithing, which some time belonged to the deceased James Duncan brewer in Innerkeithing, and were disposed by him to James Duncan, jun. late baker in Edinburgh, viz.

* That TENEMENT of LAND lying in the Mill Row of Innerkeithing, with the malt-barn and kiln adjoining thereto, together with that other Tenement of Land lying contiguous to the said malt-barn, with the respective yards at the back of the said tenements and malt-barn.—And also,

That YARD called The Flathers, lying on the south side of the bridge of Innerkeithing.

The creditors of the said James Duncan junior, present at a meeting lately held for the purpose, agreed to a further reduction of the upset-price of the above subjects. The trustee hereby requests a meeting of the said creditors to be held in John's Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 18th day of February next, that such of the creditors as did not attend the former meeting may have an opportunity of agreeing or objecting to the reduction of the upset-price then allowed to be made.

The articles of roup, &c. to be seen in the hands of James's Waddell writer, Charles Street, Edinburgh.

Sale of Lands in Perthshire.

TO BE SOLD.

THE Lands and Estate of PITKEATHLY, lying in the parishes of Dumbarny and Dron, and the Sheriffdom of Perth.

These lands are pleasantly situated in Strathearn, within five miles of Perth, near the turnpike road leading from the estate, and a large house for the accommodation of strangers at the mineral well, and a good deal of full grown timber.

This estate affords a qualification to vote for a member of Parliament.

For further particulars, apply to James Keay, writer, Princes Street, Edinburgh.

FOR LISBON,

THE THREE SISTERS,

WILLIAM MITCHELL Master,

Will sail the 1st of February, and returns to Leith direct.

For freight, apply to Walker, Thomson, and Company, Edinburgh.

The Three Sisters returns with a cargo of

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HOUSE AND WARE-ROOM,

On North Bridge Street.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, on Friday the 30th January 1789, between the hours of one and two o'clock afternoon.

That LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE, being the second story of the land at the south-east corner of the North Bridge, entering by the first stair on the east side of the Bridge. The house was formerly divided into three rooms and a kitchen; but two of the rooms and kitchen now converted into a large ware-room, occupied at present by Mr. John Carter Linen-draper, having two windows to the High Street and two windows to Bridge Street. There is a light cloister off the Ware-room, and a very good room backwards, having two windows to Bridge Street.

The premises are very well situated for carrying on the Haberdashery or Millinery business.

For further particulars apply to Alexander Abercromby writer to the signet, who has power to conclude a private bargain before the day of sale.

TO be SOLD upon Saturday the 31st day of January 1789, in Gibb's Coffeehouse, Leith, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon.

That Tenement of Land, with a Bake-

house, Oven, and Wood-Yard at the back thereof; belonging to Alexander Aird in Leith, lying at the north end of the intended new Draw-Bridge, fronting the High Street of North Leith, and presently possessed by David Collier and others, at the yearly rent of 16 l. Sterling.

As also, another TENEMENT OF LAND, belonging to the said Alexander Aird, lying in South Leith, in the place now called the Parliament Square, near the Shore, at the foot of St. Andrew's Street, presently possessed by Mr. Kairney and others, at the yearly rent of 11 l. Sterling.

That new STONE TENEMENT, with the Garden, Office-houses, and surrounding Ground, called MARYFIELD, belonging to the said Alexander Aird, lying on the east side of the Easter Road from Edinburgh to Leith, and presently possessed by Mr. Lewis Ruyne, and others, at the yearly rent of 36 l. Sterling, free of all burdens.

The articles of roup, and progress of wits, to be seen in the hands of William Young writer, at his house in George's Street, who has power to conclude a private bargain betwixt the day of sale.

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